## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

| STATE OF NEW MEXICO <i>ex rel</i> . State Engineer, | )                             |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Zime Zingmeen,                                      | ,                             |
| Plaintiff,  | ) No. 69cv7941 BB             |
|   | )                             |
| V.  | ) RIO CHAMA Stream System     |
|   | )                             |
| ROMAN ARAGON, et al.,                               | ) Wild & Scenic River Section |
|   | )                             |
| Defendants.   | )                             |
|   |                               |

## MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE A LATE JOINT STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the United States and the State of New Mexico ("parties"), and respectfully requests the Court for leave to file the Joint Status Report which was required to have been filed by January 31, 2008 pursuant to the Special Master's *Second Amendment to Scheduling Order for Adjudication of Wild and Scenic River Claim* (Doc. No. 8790) filed September 7, 2007. Leave is warranted for the following reasons:

- Counsel for the United States was out of the office on depositions and other
  matters for most of the two weeks proceeding January 31, 2008. Similarly,
  Counsel for the State was out of the office much of the week proceeding January
  31, 2008.
- Counsel's extended absences made coordinating with clients and each other
  difficult. Consequently, Counsel prepared, and are filing, the Joint Status Report
  as quickly as possible upon their return to their offices.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully requests the court to grant their Motion and allow them to file their Joint Status Report on the Wild and Scenic River Claims on February 6, 2008. DATED this 6 day of February, 2008.

DAVID W. GEHLERT

U.S. Department of Justice Environment & Natural

Resources Division Natural Resources Section 1961 Stout Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Denver, Colorado 80294

Phone: (303) 844-1386 Fax: (303) 844-1350

Attorney for Plaintiff United

States of America

Respectfully Submitted,

ARIANNE SINGER

Special Assistant Attorney General New Mexico Office of the State Engineer P.O. Box 25102 Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102 (505) 827-6150

Attorney for Plaintiff State of

New Mexico

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008 I filed the foregoing electronically through the CM/ECF system which cased the following parties on the electronic service list, set forth in the Notice of Electronic Filing, to be served via email.

David W. Gehler

Arianne Singer Special Assistant Attorney General Office of the State Engineer PO Box 25102 Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102

John W. Utton Sheehan, Sheehan & Stelzner, PA PO Box 271 Albuquerque, NM 87103-0271

Fred Waltz PO Box 6390 Taos, NM 87571